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ADDRESS

Of the Right Honourable the

Lords Spiritual and Temporal

In PARLIAMENT Aſſembled.

Die Lunæ 17°. *Februarii*, 1700.

WE the Lords Spiritual and Temporal in Parliament Aſſembled, Return Our moſt Humble Thanks and Acknowledgments to Your Majeſty, for Your Concern expreſs'd for the Proteſtant Religion in Your gracious Speech, and Your Care for its future Preſervation, by Recommending to Our Conſideration a further Proviſion for the Succeſſion to the Crown in the Proteſtant Line.

We are highly Senſible of the Weight of thoſe Things Your Majeſty is pleaſed further to Recommend to Our Conſideration; and therefore humbly deſire You will be pleaſed to Order all the Treaties that have been made between Your Majeſty and any other Prince or State, ſince the late War, to be laid before Us, that We may be Enabled to give Our mature Advice, when We are Informed of all thoſe Matters neceſſary to Direct Our Judgments.

And We humbly deſire of Your Sacred Majeſty, that You will enter into Alliances with all thoſe Princes and States, who are willing to Unite, for the Preſervation of the Balance of *Europe*; Af-

ſuring Your Majeſty, that We ſhall moſt readily Concur in all ſuch Methods, which may effectually Conduce to the Honour and Safety of *England* the Preſervation of the Proteſtant Religion, and the Peace of *Europe*.

And We humbly Return Our further Thanks to Your Majeſty, for the Letter communicated to this Houſe the Seventeenth of *February* Inſtant; and having taken it into Our immediat Conſideration, We humbly Deſire of Your Majeſty to Iſſue the neceſſary Orders for Seizing the Horſes and Arms of the Papiſts, and other Diſaffected Perſons, and for Putting the Laws in Execution for Removing them from *London*; and that You will be Pleaſed to give Directions for a Search to be made after Arms and other Proviſions of War, which in that Letter are ſaid to be in Readineſs.

In the mean time humbly Addreſſing to Your Majeſty, That Order may be given for the ſpeedy Fitting out of ſuch a Fleet, as Your Majeſty in Your great Wiſdom may think Neceſſary in this preſent Conjuncture, for the Defence of Your Majeſty and the Kingdom.

His Majeſties moſt Gracious Anſwer to the Addreſs

My Lords,

I Thank You for this Addreſs, and for the Concern You Expreſs in Relation to Our Common Security both at Home and Abroad; I ſhall give the Neceſſary Orders for thoſe Things You Deſire of Me, and take Care for Setting out ſuch a Fleet as may be neceſſary for Our Common Defence in this Conjuncture.